

**United States Department of the Interior  
National Park Service**

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**National Register of Historic Places  
Inventory—Nomination Form**

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See instructions in *How to Complete National Register Forms*  
Type all entries—complete applicable sections

**1. Name**

historic Hy-Red Gasoline Station

and/or common Hy-Red Gulf Filling Station

**2. Location**

street & number 203 E. Main St. N/A not for publication

city, town Greentown N/A vicinity of

state Indiana code 018 county Howard code 067

**3. Classification**

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<u>N/A</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

**4. Owner of Property**

name Mr. and Mrs. Herbert E. David

street & number 4715 E. 00 N.S.

city, town Kokomo N/A vicinity of state Indiana 46902

**5. Location of Legal Description**

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Recorder's Office

street & number Howard County Courthouse

city, town Kokomo state Indiana 46901

**6. Representation in Existing Surveys**

title N/A has this property been determined eligible?  yes  no

date  federal  state  county  local

depository for survey records N/A

city, town state

## 7. Description

<b>Condition</b>		<b>Check one</b>	<b>Check one</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date <u>N/A</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

### Describe the present and original (if known) physical appearance

The Hy-Red Gulf Filling Station is made up of two main sections. Most prominent is the canopy, or porte-cochere, with its steeply pitched roof, which faces north on the highway. Attached at the rear of the canopy is a small one-story brick building. Both structures utilize multi-colored beige and brown glazed brick, which was manufactured by the Meritt Brick Company of Illinois.

The canopy is supported on four square brick pillars, with every fifth course of brick recessed. Resting on the pillars is a simple fascia, with decorative panels over each pillar. The soffits have porcelain electric light fixtures. The eye-catching, bell-cast, pyramidal roof is shingled.

The two rear pillars are engaged to the one-story structure. Between them the main entrance is sheltered by the canopy, and features a single-leaf glazed door with a transom. Flanking the door are fixed-sash windows, with 12 lights each. Heads for the door and windows are formed by a header course, then a projecting stretcher course, and another header course. An additional header course underscores the joint with the canopy ceiling.

The west side of the building has only two bays. To the right is a round-arched entrance with projecting header voussoirs. The left bay is a window divided into three sections by wood mullions, each section having 12 lights. The window head resembles those on the front facade. Forming a kind of frieze is a projecting course of stretchers, followed by a band of patterned brick, then another projecting stretcher course, and, finally, a stone parapet cornice that is continuous with the caps atop the pillars.

The rear, or south, facade, has three small, six-light windows, and a frieze band like that just described, but no cornice. A single brick chimney is centered toward the back end of the building.

When purchased by the current owners, the building was coated with several layers of paint. The paint was removed, the trim restored and painted. Much of the original electrical wiring and copper, brass, and porcelain fixtures were intact and in good condition.

Inside the building were two restrooms; one had an outside entrance and is now the location of the furnace. Inside walls have been repaired or replaced; the tin ceiling and hardwood floor are not original. The transom window above the door is also a replacement.

Gasoline pumps in the front are from the 1930s, but are not original to the building.

## 8. Significance

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1930

Builder/Architect Unknown

### Statement of Significance (in one paragraph)

The Hy-Red Gasoline Station is one of a vanishing breed of roadside architecture. In its restored state, it is an excellent early example of this type of facility, the only such gas station surviving in Greentown, and one of few in the state.

The Mid-Western Petroleum Corporation of Indianapolis leased the property and had the building constructed in 1930. The station opened in 1931 with Lavon Ayers as proprietor. In about 1939 the brand changed to Gulf, and it remained a Gulf station until about 1958. The station then became one of the Comer Oil Company's group of independents, with the Silver Edge brand name. The brand later changed to Deep Rock, a Kerr-Magee product.

In 1965 the station became an antique shop, followed by a coffee shop, two pizza shops, a garden nursery, and finally a Hickory Farms cheese shop. The building was empty for five or six years before being purchased and restored by the current owners.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

Greentown Yearbook, Greentown Library

Conversations with Greentown residents, including Robert Comer, former owner.

## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property Less Than One Acre

Quadrangle name Greentown

Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References

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B 

Zone		Easting				Northing								

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**Verbal boundary description and justification** Lot #3 (C.O. Fry's Original Survey) except: Beginning 50' South of the NE corner (Main Street), running West 34", then South 18'10", then East 34", then North to the place of beginning. (This small section was cutout for a neighbor's garage.) Boundaries are Main Street on North and Howard on West, town alley on South.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
N/A			

state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Herb and Bertie David (Property Owners)

organization \_\_\_\_\_ date February 9, 1983

street & number 4715 E. 00 N.S. telephone 317/457-9529

city or town Kokomo state Indiana 46902

## 12. State Historic Preservation Officer Certification

The evaluated significance of this property within the state is:

national  state  local

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

State Historic Preservation Officer signature James M. Redman 7-21-83

title Indiana State Historic Preservation Officer date \_\_\_\_\_

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I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register

date \_\_\_\_\_

Keeper of the National Register

Attest:

date \_\_\_\_\_

Chief of Registration

Hy-Red Gasoline Station  
Greentown, Indiana  
UTM Reference: 16/587750/4481090

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